



Cheboygan Resident Recognized as Retiree of the Year

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LANSING. During the annual Retirees' Banquet in Lansing, Michigan State Police (MSP) Director Col. Peter C. Munoz presented Tpr. Wayne Precord (Ret.) with the Ernest W. Banning Retiree of the Year Award, recognizing his contribution to serving his community.

Precord enlisted in the MSP in 1965, graduating as a member of the 60th Trooper Recruit School. He served at the Flat Rock, Grand Haven and Cheboygan posts. Precord was one of the first DARE officers in Michigan and the first MSP DARE officer.



Tpr. Precord (Ret.) with
MSP Director, Col. Munoz

Following his retirement from the MSP in 1991, Precord became Director of the Cheboygan County Project DARE. He is an honorary life member of the Michigan DARE Officer's Association and is known as "Mr. DARE" in Cheboygan County.

Precord serves on the Board of Directors of the Northern Care Clinic and on the Community Relations Committee at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Fraternal Order of Police, and has held multiple positions in both organizations.

Known for lending a helping hand wherever it is needed, Precord often works during blood drives, helps load and unload equipment for the Cheboygan Opera House, and assists the elderly with in-home care needs. He is Co-chair of the Welcome Committee at his church and serves as a Eucharist Minister, providing communion at the church and at a local nursing home every Sunday.

During his busy retirement life, Precord has never forgotten the MSP. He has kept in close contact with Cheboygan Post personnel and has participated in various post activities. Precord also coordinates a monthly retirees' breakfast and attends breakfasts sponsored by other posts.

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The Ernest W. Banning Retiree of the Year Award was created in 2008, to honor the legacy of MSP civilian employee Ernie Banning who was known for his community service efforts. Upon his retirement in 1975, following nearly 50 years in the department, Banning became the longest-serving MSP employee. His son, Roger, is currently an employee in the MSP Management Services Division.

Banning died in 2004 at the age of 99.

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